## Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

**ACTION:** Notice, request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) invites comment on a proposal to extend for three years, without revision, the Supervisory and Regulatory Survey (FR 3052; OMB No. 7100-0322).

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before [insert date 60 days after publication in the Federal Register].

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by FR 3052, by any of the following methods:

- Agency Website: https://www.federalreserve.gov/. Follow the instructions for submitting comments at https://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/foia/proposedregs.aspx.
- E-mail: regs.comments@federalreserve.gov. Include the OMB number in the subject line of the message.
- FAX: (202) 452-3819 or (202) 452-3102.
- Mail: Ann E. Misback, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System,
  20th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20551.

All public comments are available from the Board's website at

https://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/foia/proposedregs.aspx as submitted, unless modified for technical reasons or to remove personally identifiable information at the commenter's request. Accordingly, comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information. Public comments may also be viewed electronically or in paper in Room 146, 1709 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20006, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays. For security reasons, the Board requires that visitors make an appointment to inspect comments. You may do so by calling (202) 452-3684. Upon arrival, visitors will be required to present valid

government-issued photo identification and to submit to security screening in order to inspect and photocopy comments.

Additionally, commenters may send a copy of their comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Desk Officer – Shagufta Ahmed – Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503, or by fax to (202) 395-6974.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Federal Reserve Board Clearance Officer – Nuha Elmaghrabi – Office of the Chief Data Officer, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551, (202) 452-3829.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 15, 1984, OMB delegated to the Board authority under the PRA to approve and assign OMB control numbers to collections of information conducted or sponsored by the Board. In exercising this delegated authority, the Board is directed to take every reasonable step to solicit comment. In determining whether to approve a collection of information, the Board will consider all comments received from the public and other agencies.

A copy of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) OMB submission, including the reporting form and instructions, supporting statement, and other documentation will be available at https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain, if approved. These documents will also be made available on the Board's public website at

https://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/reportforms/review.aspx or may be requested from the agency clearance officer, whose name appears above.

## **Request for Comment on Information Collection Proposal**

The Board invites public comment on the following information collection, which is being reviewed under authority delegated by the OMB under the PRA. Comments are invited on the following:

a. Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance

of the Board's functions, including whether the information has practical utility;

b. The accuracy of the Board's estimate of the burden of the proposed information

collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

c. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

d. Ways to minimize the burden of information collection on respondents, including through

the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and

e. Estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of

services to provide information.

At the end of the comment period, the comments and recommendations received will be

analyzed to determine the extent to which the Board should modify the proposal.

Proposal under OMB Delegated Authority to Extend for Three Years, Without Revision,

the Following Information Collection:

Report title: Supervisory and Regulatory Survey.

Agency form number: FR 3052.

OMB control number: 7100-0322.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondents: May include bank holding companies (BHCs), state member banks (SMBs),

savings and loan holding companies (SLHCs), intermediate holding companies (IHCs), U.S.

branches and agencies of foreign banking organizations (FBOs), Edge Act and agreement

corporations, nonbank financial companies that the Financial Stability Oversight Council

(FSOC) has determined should be supervised by the Board, and the combined domestic

operations of FBOs.

Estimated number of respondents: 5,000.

*Estimated average hours per response:* 0.5.

Estimated annual burden hours: 60,000.

General description of report: The FR 3052 collects information from financial institutions specifically tailored to the Federal Reserve's supervisory, regulatory, and operational responsibilities. The Board utilizes the survey process, as needed, to collect information on specific issues that affect its decision making. The principal value of the FR 3052 is the flexibility it provides the Federal Reserve to respond quickly to the need for data due to unanticipated economic, financial, supervisory, or regulatory developments. The Board cannot predict what specific information will be needed, but such needs are generally very time sensitive. Because the relevant questions may change with each survey, there is no fixed reporting form. Past surveys have collected information related to energy lending exposure, cloud-based data exchange services, regulatory capital, Comprehensive Capital Analysis and Review, operational risk loss event history, transactions by government securities dealers, and small debit card issuers.

Written qualitative questions or questionnaires may include categorical questions, yes-no questions, ordinal questions, and open-ended questions. Written quantitative surveys may include dollar amounts, percentages, numbers of items, interest rates, and other such information. Institutions might also be asked to provide copies of existing documents (for example, pertaining to practices and performances for a particular business activity). Before conducting a survey, the Board reviews any information to be collected to determine if the information is available by other means.

Legal authorization and confidentiality: The FR 3052 is authorized by a number of statutes authorizing the Board to require reports of condition from institutions subject to its supervision. These include section 9 of the Federal Reserve Act (FRA), section 5 of the Bank Holding

<sup>1</sup> 12 U.S.C. 324 (requiring state member banks to make reports of condition "in such form and [containing] such information as the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System may require").

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Company Act,<sup>2</sup> section 10 of the Home Owners' Loan Act,<sup>3</sup> section 7 of the International Banking Act (IBA),<sup>4</sup> section 8 of the IBA,<sup>5</sup> sections 25 and 25A of the FRA,<sup>6</sup> and section 161 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.<sup>7</sup> Survey submissions under the FR 3052 are voluntary.

The questions asked on each survey will vary. The Board's ability to keep confidential responses to the FR 3052 must therefore be determined on a case-by-case basis. Much of the information collected is likely to constitute nonpublic commercial or financial information, which is both customarily and actually treated as private by the respondent, and may be kept confidential by the Board pursuant to exemption 4 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).8 Some survey responses may also contain information contained in or related to an examination of a financial institution, which may be kept confidential under exemption 8 of the FOIA.9 Responses to the FR 3052 are tabulated and summarized at the Board. This aggregate information is not considered confidential, and aggregate survey information may be cited in published material such as Board studies or working papers, professional journals, the Federal Reserve Bulletin, testimony and reports to the Congress, or other vehicles.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 12 U.S.C. 1844(c)(1)(A) (authorizing the Board to require a bank holding company and any subsidiary thereof to submit reports regarding financial condition and compliance).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 12 U.S.C. 1467a(b)(2) (authorizing the Board to require a savings and loan holding company and any subsidiary thereof to submit reports containing such information concerning the operation of the company or its subsidiaries as the Board may require).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 12 U.S.C. 3105(c)(2) (subjecting each branch or agency of a foreign bank to the provisions of 12 U.S.C. 324 requiring reports of financial condition as if it were a state member bank).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 12 U.S.C. 3106(a) (generally subjecting foreign banking organizations to the Bank Holding Company Act).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 12 U.S.C. 602 and 625 (requiring Edge and agreement corporations to "make reports to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System at such times and in such form as it may require").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 12 U.S.C. 5361 (authorizing the Board to require reports of financial condition and compliance from nonbank financial companies subject to the Board's supervision).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(8).

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